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RE: Steve Scheffler, President of the Iowa Christian Alliance  
Morris Hurd, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of the Iowa Christian Alliance  
Iowa Christian Alliance - 939 Office Park Road Suite 115; West Des Moines, IA 50263  
West Hill United Methodist Church - 540 S. Leebick Street; Burlington, IA 52601  
Morris Hurd - Pastor of West Hill United Methodist Church

**To Whom It May Concern:**

The Iowa Christian Alliance (ICA) is a tax exempt nonprofit and financial contributions to the ICA are NOT tax deductible.

It is my understanding that Steve Scheffler, President of the Iowa Christian Alliance and Morris Hurd, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of the Iowa Christian Alliance, funnel financial contributions intended for the ICA through the West Hill United Methodist Church in Burlington, Iowa. They do this so that donors can make a TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution to the ICA. Morris Hurd is also the pastor of West Hill United Methodist Church. It is my belief that these financial contributions violate campaign finance laws, the tax exempt status of the ICA, and the tax exempt status for the church.

According to a phone call I received from Ted Sporer (attorney, political activist and friend of Steve Scheffler) on February 18, 2009, Steve Scheffler solicits financial contributions for the ICA. If a donor that Mr. Scheffler knows and trusts wants to make a TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution to the ICA, Mr. Scheffler asks the donor to write a check for the ICA and send it to Pastor Morris Hurd at the West Hill United Methodist Church. Once the donor writes a check for the ICA and sends it to the church, Pastor Hurd sends a document from the church thanking the donor for their "charitable" contribution to the West Hill United Methodist Church. To complete the transaction, Pastor Hurd forwards the contribution to the ICA. Mr. Sporer said he learned this information during his friendship with Mr. Scheffler.

To confirm this information, on February 18, 2009, I called Mariys Popma (former consultant for the ICA, political activist, and friend of Steve Scheffler) and asked if the information that Mr. Sporer provided was true. She confirmed that financial contributions for the ICA were routed through Morris Hurd's church in Burlington, Iowa and contributions were also routed through his previous church in Marengo, Iowa. She said that Mr. Hurd assured her that it was okay to process the contributions this way.

Morris Hurd is also a disbarred attorney. According to Iowa Courts Online [www.iowacourts.state.ia.us](http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us), Mr. Hurd's law license was suspended on 10/27/82 and 12/19/84. His license was revoked on 10/16/85. It is my understanding from the documents I read at the Iowa Supreme Court, Mr. Hurd lost his license due to Professional Misconduct.

It is my belief that Steve Scheffler, Morris Hurd and the ICA also violated campaign finance laws and their tax exempt status by working to influence Christian conservatives to vote for Mitt Romney during the 2008 Iowa Presidential Caucuses. It is my understanding that the ICA received a \$100,000 financial contribution from "maxed out" Romney donors for their help during the caucuses. It is also my understanding that the ICA would receive these contributions in four (4) quarterly payments during 2008.

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Per a phone conversation on June 21, 2008 with Gentry Collins (former State Director for Romney for President), he said he had read an email from Steve Scheffler to a Mitt Romney operative that he worked with on the Romney campaign. He said the email discussed a \$100,000 financial contribution to the ICA from "maxed out" Romney donors. He said the email from Scheffler to the Romney operative was "damaging to Scheffler."

It is my belief that the contributions totaling \$100,000 from "maxed out" Romney donors, intended for the ICA, were funneled through the West Hill United Methodist Church in Burlington, Iowa.

On June 24, 2008, I met with Barb Taylor (ICA Board Member and my mom), Peggy Hermann (ICA Board Member) and Tamara Scott (Executive Director of Concerned Women for America). During this meeting, I urged them to ask the ICA Board to call for Steve Scheffler's resignation for accepting a \$100,000 contribution from Romney donors on behalf of the ICA, for his lies and deception, and for misrepresenting a Christian organization. The ICA Board was never informed of my request.

On July 12, 2008, Steve Scheffler was elected National Committeeman for the Republican Party of Iowa. At this present time, he continues to serve as President of the Iowa Christian Alliance.

On August 6, 2008, Steve Scheffler had Morris Hurd call Barb Taylor (ICA Board Member and my mom) and ask for her immediate resignation from the ICA Board. Attached please find Barb Taylor's resignation that was sent to all ICA Board Members via email at 3:11 PM on August 6, 2008.

At 3:04 PM on August 6, 2008, Steve Scheffler sent an email to Mariys Popma accusing her and me of manipulating Barb Taylor to turn against him. He mentioned her resignation from the ICA Board, but neglected to include the fact that he had asked for her resignation. It is my belief that he asked Barb Taylor to resign out of retaliation because she was questioning his leadership and attempting to hold him accountable for the items I had accused him of in my FEC Filing Complaint (MUR 5972). Please see attached email.

Attached please find contact information for my sources and supporting documents.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Stacey Lynn Cargill*  
Stacey Lynn Cargill

West Des Moines, IA 50266



*[Signature]*  
10/19/2009

Enclosures

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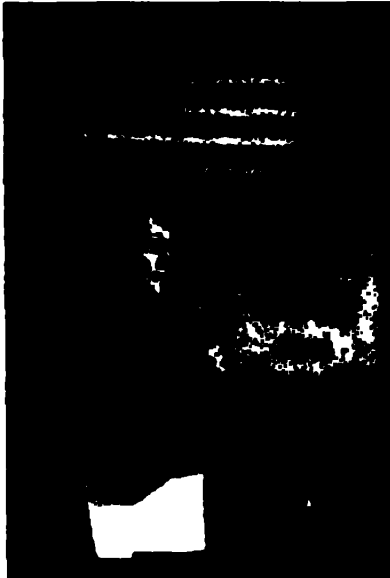
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this 19 day of October, 2009

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## Mariys Popma to Head up Fong's Gubernatorial Campaign

Posted By The Iowa Republican On July 16, 2009 @ 9:35 am In Iowa, News Center | 13 Comments



Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Christian Fong announced today that Mariys Popma, a twenty-one year veteran of Iowa politics has signed on as his campaign manager.

"I'm honored to have Mariys Popma join our campaign. Her leadership, political savvy, and experience in Iowa politics are invaluable as we move this campaign forward. As a businessman, I know my job is to identify and then recruit the most talented people to serve. Whether it's my campaign, or as the CEO of state government, that's the philosophy guiding my decision making," said Fong.

Popma's experience dates back to 1988 when she headed up Iowa Right to Life. Since then she worked on the campaigns of Governor Terry Branstad, served as the Iowa Deputy Director for Gramm for President and worked as the National Deputy Political Director for Gary Bauer's presidential campaign. Popma has also led the Republican Party of Iowa as Executive Director on two different occasions. Most recently, she was coalitions director for Jim Nussle's gubernatorial campaign and served as the National Coordinator for Evangelical Outreach for John McCain's presidential campaign.

"Iowa Republicans deserve a true conservative nominee, one who understands the impact of both social and fiscal policies on the state. I'm convinced Christian Fong is the right candidate at the right time to lead our Party back to Terrace Hill. Christian is a conservative, with a strong fiscal background, who can put the state back on track. He's a warm, genuine man of integrity. I'm excited to help lead his campaign as we work to restore those things that make Iowa such a great place to call home," said Popma.

Christian Fong graduated from Underwood High School in Southwest Iowa at the age of 16 and then attended Creighton University, graduating at age 19. After college he and his wife, Janelle, located in Cedar Rapids and Christian started work at AEGON. Fong put his career on hold to attend Dartmouth, earning his MBA. He and his family returned to Cedar Rapids, where they reside today and attend River of Life Ministries church. When the floods of 2008 hit Cedar Rapids, Fong founded and still serves today as the CEO of Corridor Recovery, a non-profit flood relief organization that coordinated recovery efforts. The Fongs have three children.

# Mitt Romney-Organization, Iowa

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### Chairman

### Doug Gross

(announced May 23, 2006) Attorney at Brown, Winick, Graves, Gross, Baskerville and Schoenebaum PLC. The 2002 Republican gubernatorial nominee. Lawyer and lobbyist. Chief of staff to Gov. Terry Branstad, 1984-89. Legislative liaison to Gov. Robert Ray, 1981-83. Director of the Fuels Division for the Iowa Energy Policy Council. Chief legislative assistant to Congressman Tom Tauke; worked on Tom Tauke's successful 1978 campaign for Congress. Law degree from Drake University, 1985. Bachelor's degree from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1977. Born in Earlring, Iowa (Shelby County).

### State Director

### Gentry Collins

Political director at the Republican Governors Association in the 2006 cycle; also did consulting for the Commonwealth PAC and the Massachusetts Republican State Congressional Committee. Deputy chairman/executive director of the Iowa Republican Party in 2004. Managed Doug Gross' 2002 campaign for governor. Ran for State House, 1998. B.A. in political science from Iowa State University in Ames, 1998.

### Political Director

### Jill Latham

(reported by Caucus Cooler on Jan. 1, 2007) Political director for the Republican Party of Wisconsin in the 2006 cycle. Field staffer on Bush-Cheney '04 in Wisconsin. Legislative clerk for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. From Alexander, Iowa; daughter of Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA). B.A. from the University of Colorado, Boulder, 2001.

### Field Staff

#### Derek Flowers - Region 2

Worked on Brian Kennedy's 2006 primary campaign for Congress in Iowa's 1st CD.

#### Megan Cross - Region 5

Recent graduate from Iowa State University.

#### Jill Neunaber - Region 7

#### Hugh Yeomans - Region 4

Staff assistant to Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE). Graduate of Washington and Lee University.

#### Scott Corrie - Region 9

#### Brittany Groeneveld - Region 3

B.A. in political science from the University of Iowa.

#### Marcus Branstad - Region 8

Iowa field director for Sen. Bill Frist's VOLPAC. Graduated from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake in May 2006. Youngest child of former Gov. Terry and Chris Branstad.

#### Sara Craig - Region 6 (Polk County)

Worked on Iowa House legislative races in 2006.

#### Crystal Bouziden - Region 1

Recent graduate of the University of Iowa. Interned on Rep. Jim Nussle's (R-IA) gubernatorial campaign in 2006; volunteered on the Bush/Cheney campaign in 2004. Bouziden has also interned for Rep. Jerry Weller (R-IL) in his Washington, D.C. office and Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) in his Cedar Rapids office.

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## RNC Chairman Steele Names Political Director

Thu Mar 19, 2009 12:31pm EDT

WASHINGTON, March 19 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Republican National Committee (RNC) Chairman Michael Steele continued to fill key staff positions by announcing the selection of Gentry Collins as the RNC's Political Director.

(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20080519/RNCLOGO>)

"I am thrilled to announce the addition of Gentry to the RNC team. He brings with him a proven record of success at building broad bases of grassroots and volunteer coalitions," Steele said. "Our primary task at the RNC is to grow our party and elect more Republicans, and this appointment allows us to take another step towards those goals."

Gentry most recently served as the Midwestern Regional Campaign manager for McCain-Palin 2008 where he recruited a record-setting volunteer organization that made more voter contacts than any Republican nominee in history. He also served in the positions of National Political Director for the Republican Governors Association, Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa, and was an assistant to then House Majority Leader Dick Armey.

Gentry, originally from Iowa, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

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SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008

## Congratulations to all of the winners-especially Scheffy and Kimmy.

For whatever strange reason, our state organizes most of its party leadership during election years. Our leadership positions are now resolved so let's focus on the winners.

First, although Steve Roberts wasn't reelected to the RNC, Steve Roberts is one of the great Republicans of the last half century. No one should minimize the quality of his service or the value of his wisdom. Steve Scheffy has the largest of any shoes we have had to fill since Terry Branstad left Terrace Hill.

Monster congratulations to my good friend Steve Scheffy. It takes a lot to unseat a legend and Scheffy showed he has it with convincing clarity. The win may very well define a new era. Steve is a committed conservative but has shown a willingness to cooperate and compromise. Remember, Scheffy's battles have been with people who sought to defeat him too. That isn't evil or exclusive, it politics. Someone wins, someone loses. Steve Scheffy won big.

Kim Lehman, who won by a highly improbable but identical margin of 285 with a different vote count and in a three way race no less, brings an enormous amount of energy, new ideas and strong leadership to a Committee position that has had need of the same for several years. Iowa has the highest percentage of women in the workplace of all 50 states and Kim represents the new generation of the "working mom".

The delegate state that the Conventions last night and today ultimately produced were in many way the efforts of the new generation of leadership. The Iowa delegation is inclusive and politically ecumenical. While everyone who wanted a delegate slot for themselves or someone else wasn't satisfied anyone in the delegation and their supporters would have experienced the same disappointment had they been denied a place on the delegation. Again, that's politics. But delegation is ideologically diverse and every Presidential campaign, including Ron

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2010 GUBERNATORIAL POLL -  
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Which of the following would you support if the Republican 2010 Gubernatorial primary were held today?

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- ☐ Christian Fong (Linn County)
- ☐ Jeff Lamberti (Polk County)
- ☐ Paul McKinley (Lucas County)
- ☐ Christopher Rants (Woodbury County)
- ☐ Rod Roberts (Carroll County)
- ☐ Bob Vander

Paul is represented.

Steve Scheffler topped off what had to be a great day for him by being unanimously elected to lead our delegation at the National Convention.

POSTED BY THE REAL SPORER AT 7/12/2008 11:10:00 PM 

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## 25 COMMENTS:

~ Anonymous said...

This is from a delegate that could not be there today. (illness) This is a dark day for the party!

Central Committees, whether on the county, state, or national level, are not a platform to promote your ideology. These are the committees that perform the nuts and bolts of voter turnout, and other day to day work.

I am sick and tired of hearing the term RINO! Just who decided that they are the "one and only" to hand out membership cards in the party.

Most Republicans that I know, prefer to spend the day on the golf course, etc., rather than spend all of these Saturdays attending conventions, and writing irrelevant platforms.

I am now truly in a state of despair. I am now convinced that Obama will be the next Prez, which is a terrifying thought!!!

Please do not bother to ask for funds for the State party. My \$ will be kept locally, and will be given to Sen. McCain, the ONLY Republican that would have a chance to win this year.

It took from the 1930's until now, to get to this state. It will take many years to walk the socialist state back. You are not going to win, with a sharp turn. This will take baby steps.

12 JULY, 2008 23:53

 Major Ken said...

I think it is way too early to make a prediction about an Obama win despite McCain's obvious missteps as a campaigner. I think Obama will lose which will be about the only good news until either Republicans get their act together or the masses realize socialism will not work.

Congrats to Kim and Steve and I really hope things turn around nationally and locally as it is getting too painful to watch from afar.

13 JULY, 2008 04:47

 Al said...

Congrats to Scheffler and Lehman on their election to the national committee as well as all the other people that have been elected to serve. These people will represent all of Republicans well.

13 JULY, 2008 07:37

~ jimmy the greek said...

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